

Minutes
State Board of Education
Sunday, October 12, 2003

The State Board of Education met in a Work Session on Sunday, October 12, 2003, in the Ballroom of the Holiday Inn Presidential Conference Center. JoNell Caldwell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

The following Board members were present: JoNell Caldwell, Chairman; Shelby Hillman, Vice-Chairman; Luke Gordy; Dr. Calvin King; Randy Lawson; MaryJane Rebick; Dianne Tatum and Dr. Jeanna Westmoreland

No members were absent.

Dr. Charles Watson and Scott Smith were recognized to lead a discussion on the Board's Operating Guidelines. Points of special emphasis included statute requirements for organization and structure of the Board, public participation, procedure for setting meeting agendas, and freedom of information requirements.


Consultant Scott Palmer, attorney with the Nixon Peabody Firm, Washington, DC, was introduced. Mr. Palmer presented policy and statutory requirements of **No Child Left Behind (NCLB)** legislation and facilitated a discussion among Board members as to the State's role in implementation of the components of this legislation.

Ms. Caldwell expressed appreciation for those who presented during the work session. A special commendation was made to Scott Palmer for his insight and candor in presenting challenging policy considerations of the NCLB legislation.

Following dinner, Mr. Simon informed the Board of his planned departure date, Saturday, October 25. He emphasized that the Saturday was intended and it was to cover a commitment that he made several months ago that he felt obligated to honor.

No actions were taken during this work session. The Minutes were reported by Dr. Charles D. Watson.

The Board adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


Tom Courstway, Interim Dir.


JoNell Caldwell, Chair